

IN THE CLAIMS

1           1. (Currently Amended) A squirrel or bird teasing hanger assembly, for a bird feeder, said hanging assembly comprises:

a housing having upper and lower ends;

5       a lower support extending downwardly from said lower end of said housing;

said support adapted to have a bird feeder suspended therefrom;

an upper support extending upwardly from said upper end of said housing for attachment to a supporting member;

10       a sound-producing device mounted on said housing;

a battery-powered circuit in said housing for powering said sound-producing device;

said lower support having a load cell connected thereto;

said load cell being electrically connected to said circuit;

15       said sound-producing device being automatically activated when said load cell senses a predetermined weight on said bird feeder when a squirrel or large bird moves onto the bird feeder.

2. (Currently Amended) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein a remote control receiver is electrically connected to said battery-powered circuit whereby said sound-producing device ~~will~~ may also be activated when said remote control ~~receive~~ receiver receives a signal from a remote control.

3. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein said battery-powered circuit also includes a manual on-off switch.

4. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein a light-emitting device is mounted on said housing and is electrically connected to said battery-operated circuit.

5. (Currently Amended) A squirrel or bird teasing hanger assembly, for a bird feeder, said hanging assembly comprises:

a housing having upper and lower ends;

a lower support extending downwardly from said lower end of said housing which is movable between upper and lower positions with respect to said housing;

said support adapted to have a bird feeder suspended therefrom;

an upper support extending upwardly from said upper end of said housing for attachment to a supporting member;

a light-emitting device on said housing;

a battery-powered circuit in said housing for powering said light emitting device;

said lower support having a load cell connected thereto;

said load cell being electrically connected to said circuit;

said light emitting device being automatically activated when said load cell senses a predetermined weight on said bird feeder when a squirrel or large bird moves onto the bird feeder.

6. (Currently Amended) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 5 wherein a remote control receiver is electrically connected to said battery-powered circuit whereby said light emitting device ~~will~~ may also be activated when said remote control ~~receive~~ receiver receives a signal from a remote control.

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7. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 5 wherein said battery-powered circuit also includes a manual on-off switch.

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8. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein said sound-producing device emits the sound of an animal.

9. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein said sound-producing device emits the sound of a hawk or eagle.

10. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein said sound-producing device emits the sound of a cat.

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11. (Original) The squirrel teasing hanging assembly of claim 1 wherein said sound-producing device emits the sound of a dog.

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